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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | Board of Dietetics and Nutrition  |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME:  | Friday, November 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.   |
| PLACE:                  | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware<br>Conference Room A, first floor of the Cannon Building |
| MINUTES APPROVED:       | February 14, 2014   |

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Maryann Eastep, L.D.N., Chair  
Jaime Sherman, Professional Member, Secretary  
Patricia Hawkins, Public Member  
Christy Wright, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II  
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Donna Trader, DDA  
Ginger Hodulik, CBNS  
Scott Schreiber, CBNS  
Carolyn Manning, DDA  
Fran Taccone, Vista Unlimited  
Laura Peppelman, SPH-WIC

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Eastep called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Wright, to approve the minutes with amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 20, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Giesecke, seconded by Ms. Hawkins, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ratification of Licensure**

A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Wright, to ratify the following CDR applicants who had been granted a licensure by the Division of Professional Regulation: Gwen Gagnon, Scott Strubinger, Tracy Graham, Natalie Navarre, Mary Herrstrom, Tonya Cooper and Andrew Hade. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

A motion was made by Ms. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Wright, to table the application of Joan Greenley pending clarification of major course of study, number of credits and a more detailed Supervised Practice Experience Assessment form. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COMPLAINT STATUS**

35-03-12 Closed

35-04-12 Referred to AG

35-05-12 Referred to AG

35-06-12 Closed

35-07-12 Referred to AG

35-08-12 Referred to AG

### **ELECTIONS**

A vote taken by acclamation elected Ms. Eastep to the position of Chair, Ms. Sherman to Vice-Chair & Ms. Wright to Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Brown presented the Board with an email from Laura Peppelman to Ms. Eastep regarding Daniele Mumford's concerns regarding the WIC Program. Ms. Singh advised the Board not to provide an advisory opinion and referenced Delaware Code 3802(2) Scope of Practice: A-E.

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD** (for discussion only)

#### **Review of the Supervisor Practice Experience Assessment Form**

The Board discussed the Supervisor Practice Experience Assessment form. The Board wants the section on the form under "Information about Applicant's Experience" (#11-13) more detailed. Ms. Singh suggested the Board should reference Del Code 3806A (3) and Rules and Regulations 1.3 on the form. The Board will submit and vote on the drafted Supervised Practice Experience Assessment form at the February 14, 2014 Board meeting.

### Clarification of scope of practice under 24Del Code 3802

#### Proposal of clarifying the Rules and Regulations

Ms. Singh explained to the Board that as a Board they can only immediately effectuate change on the Rules & Regulations. In order to change 24Del Code 3802 the Division of Professional Regulation would need to present a bill to the Legislator. The Board should be more focused on clarifying the Rules & Regulations. The Board's duty is to develop language to put into the Rules & Regulations to clarify 24Del Code 3802. The Board also needs to come up with ways to educate the Investigators, Public & other Practitioners, as to what Dietetics & Nutrition practice entails because it is very vague. Ms. Eastep specifically stated that the Board should look at Preventative Nutritionist Services (under Scope of Practice) when clarifying the Rules & Regulations. The Board has decided to conclude this until the next special meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ginger Hodulik, from Certified Board for Nutrition Specialist (CBNS) introduced herself to the Board and the Public. Ms. Hodulik stated that CBNS wants the Public and the Board to know that there are other qualified Nutrition professionals. There are other pathways to becoming a Nutritionist and CBNS feels that every qualified Nutritionist should be licensed and they support licensure as long as it is fair. Ms. Hodulik stated that her personal feeling is that Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (AND) tend to want to monopolize the practice and write these Regulations which can exclude some really qualified practitioners. CBNS makes an appearance at different Board meetings to make sure it is fair and that they can be included to. CNS is named alongside the RD as an equivalent pathway in 12 states plus Guam. Ms. Hodulik stated that it would be appropriate to have a CNS representation on the Board for granting licensure because it's important to have that objective opinion. Their exam and internship experience is named in the Licensure Law so it is only fair to have a CNS representation on the Board. Also there is other qualified Nutritionist besides RD's and they don't have to measure up to the RD because they have their own measurement of how they became qualified.

Scott Schreiber (CNS) introduced himself to the Board and the Public. Dr. Schreiber elaborated on the other states that have been rejected or states that are trying to work out an equal opportunity when dealing with the Anti- Competitive Law. He also stated that Delaware is ranked number 15 out of 50 states in obesity and as Nutritionist Specialists we all need to work together so things like obesity can be taken care of as a group.

Donna Trader informed the Board that the Investigators need to have more descriptive definitions in the statute so that they can make better decisions when they are investigating a complaint.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 14, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latonya Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Latonya Brown

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